



### **ABSTRACT**

Agriculture Department – Horticulture - Tamil Nadu Horticulture Development Agency – Micro Irrigation under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (per Drop More Crop Component) –Revision of allocation of funds from 80:20 to 60:40 ratio to Small & Marginal farmers and other farmers category - Orders – Issued.

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### **Agriculture(H1) Department**

G.O.(Ms) No. 8

Dated : 11.01.2017  
Thiruvalluvar Aandu, 2047,  
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Read :

1. G.O.(Ms) No.221, Agriculture(H1) Department, dated 25.11.2011.
  2. Government Lr.No.5821/H1/2012-9, dated 17.4.2013.
  3. Minutes of State High Level Committee(SHLC) on Micro Irrigation held on 17.12.2013
  4. Operational guidelines of PMKSY for the year 2016-17
  5. The Director of Horticulture & Plantation Crops /Managing Director, TANHODA Lr.No.MIS1/1575/2016, dated 14.12.2016.
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### **ORDER :**

In the Government order first read above, orders were issued that by considering the size of land holding, the funds may be allocated to small & marginal farmers and other category of farmers in the ratio of 80:20 in the targeted area of 30,000 ha. allotted to Tamil Nadu Horticulture Development Agency. Accordingly, the area proposed to cover under 100% subsidy and 75% subsidy for other category of farmers works out to 24,000 ha. and 6,000 ha. respectively. In addition, 5000 ha. allotted for Agriculture Department will be covered under 100% subsidy for Pulses Crop.

2. In the Government letter second read above, the Government directed the Commissioner of Horticulture & Plantation Crops that the existing system shall be continued and can be revised after 2 or 3 years when the scheme has achieved sufficient popularity and coverage.

3. The operational guidelines for PMKSY framed by the Government of India in the fourth read above are as follows :-

“States will allocate about 50% of the PMKSY funds by prioritizing projects among those districts having larger share of unirrigated areas, lesser agriculture productivity vis-a -vis State’s average and higher population of SC/ST and Small & Marginal Farmers (SMF). States will also give priority to villages identified under Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana(SAGY) while implementing PMKSY. The remaining 50% may be prioritised for

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operationalising / saturating projects which are under terminal stage of completion (water resource development/ watershed). Priority to also be given for reducing the gap between irrigation potential created and actually utilized through command area development and precision irrigation”.

4. In her letter fifth read above, the Director of Horticulture & Plantation Crops has stated that the State High Level Committee(SHLC) on Micro Irrigation has recommended during December, 2013 the revision of 60:40 ratio to Small Farmers & Marginal Farmers and other category farmers respectively for effective and smooth implementation of National Mission on Micro Irrigation (NMMI) (now renamed as PMKSY) scheme in the state. Further based on the Agriculture census 2010-11, number and area of operational land holdings according to type of holdings were analysed by the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops that 91.74% Small and Marginal farmers are owning 60.65% of the area i.e. 3935399 ha. and 8.26% other farmers category are owning 39.35% i.e. 2552972 ha. cultivated area and the Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops/Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Horticulture Development Agency has requested the Government to revise the existing pattern from 80:20 to 60:40 ratio to Small Farmers & Marginal Farmers and Other category farmers respectively with effect from 01.01.2017 onwards for Micro Irrigation under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (per Drop More Crop Component).

5. After careful examination, it is seen that, in current year (2016-17), the outlay of Micro-Irrigation is Rs.314.02 crore and it is likely to get another Rs.50 crore from Government of India / Government of Tamil Nadu based on GOI release. Funds of previous years are also needed to be fully spent by Agriculture & Horticulture departments. After conducting weekly reviews with Agriculture & Horticulture officials, to ensure that Micro Irrigation is popularized amongst the farmers, especially in view of the (a) drought –like conditions in Tamil Nadu (b) additional subsidy given in Tamil Nadu. The hindrance fact is that with present 80:20 ratio of Small Farmers & Marginal Farmers vs others, the offtake is slower though in the last 3 months, significant physical/ Financial expenditure is made. Director of Horticulture has proposed to change this ratio to 60:40 and there is no restriction on this by Government of India guidelines too. In view of this and the need to popularize Micro Irrigation in Tamil Nadu accepted to revise the existing pattern from 80:20 to 60:40 ratio to Small Farmers & Marginal Farmers and Other category farmers respectively with effect from 01.01.2017 onwards. Accordingly, the Government revise the existing pattern from 80:20 to 60:40 ratio to Small Farmers & Marginal Farmers and other category farmers respectively with effect from January 2017 onwards for Micro Irrigation under PMKSY (per Drop More Crop component).

6. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department U.O.No.61/ACS(F)/P/2017, dated 02.01.2017.

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

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